



# **Patient's Rights and Responsibilities in Anaesthesia**

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## **1. RIGHTS**

- 1.1 The right to have his/her privacy, dignity, religious and cultural beliefs respected.
- 1.2 The right to receive medical advice and treatment which fully meets the current accepted standards.
- 1.3 The right to know the identity and professional status of all attending staff.
- 1.4 The right to be informed with a clear, concise and understandable explanation of the proposed care and procedures, including alternatives and common side effects and risks.
- 1.5 The right to a second opinion without prejudice to any aspect of future treatment.
- 1.6 The right to know of any proposal to be involved in teaching or research activities, and to understand that non-involvement will not prejudice treatment.
- 1.7 The right to refuse treatment, and to be informed of the effects of such refusal.
- 1.8 The right to expect that all aspects of care will remain confidential.
- 1.9 The right to know the financial implications of therapy.
- 1.10 The right to make complaints and be informed of the appropriate channels available.
- 1.11 The right of access to his/her medical information.

## **2. RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 2.1 The responsibility to inform the doctor fully of all relevant medical history.
- 2.2 The responsibility to comply with the agreed prescribed treatment or inform medical staff of the intention not to comply.
- 2.3 The responsibility to meet his/her financial obligations in relation to own care and treatment and to inform his/her doctors if unable to do so.
- 2.4 The responsibility not to ask hospital staff to provide incorrect information, receipts or certificates.
- 2.5 The responsibility to show consideration for the rights of other patients and hospital rules concerning patient conduct.